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Toys of Savages.

Among the most backward and savage tribes great attention is often paid to the children. The toys and playthings used by savages in all parts of the world are often surprisingly well made.

Copper-Covered Steeples.

Many church steeples in England are covered with copper. One of these, in Exeter, is covered with sheet copper, the metal being taken from the bottom of an old man-of-war broken up at Davenport.

Progressive Empress.

The empress dowager of China is credited with having given \$2,000 toward the building of the medical school to be opened at the English Congregational mission in north China.

British Bellingers.

The fraternity of bellringers is known in Britain as "the exercise," as the dramatic profession is known as "the profession." A bellringer is a "member of the exercise."

Queer Paper.

Probably the most extraordinary journal in the world is published weekly in Athens. It is written entirely in verse, even the advertisements.

Woman's Treasures.

If the house catches on fire a woman wants to save her old love letters and the baby's first pair of shoes.—N. Y. Press.

Wears the Purple.

The lieutenant governor of South Carolina wears a purple robe of office when presiding over the senate.

Vigilance Necessary.

Eternal vigilance is the price of securing the return of a borrowed book or umbrella.—The Commoner.

His Business.

"Pardon me," said the busy merchant to the insurance agent who had forced his way into his office, "but I'm not prepared to talk to you to-day."
"Don't let that worry you," replied the agent. "I'll do all the talking."—Philadelphia Press.

The Resetting Sin.

No one performs a single free action from anything but a selfish motive. That is, at any given moment we are doing the thing we wish to do, if we are free to act. The difference comes in the things we enjoy doing.—N. Y. Times.

Belief to Mother.

Eager Mother—Has he expressed any admiration for you?
The Daughter—No, but he said he'd die for me.
"Well, that's encouraging."—Yonkers Herald.

Accounted For.

Miss Singer—I wonder if that rich uncle of mine remembered me when he made his will? I used to sing to him.
Cynical Friend—He must have; he hasn't left you anything.—Boston Globe.

What's the Answer?

A man who went to church in Philadelphia met the minister's daughter there and now he is married to her. And still the question is asked: "Why do so few men go to church?"—Buffalo News.

Blot on the Escutcheon.

The young marquis of Bute, who has a rental of \$250,000 a year, owes most of his wealth to the fact that the founder of the house was the illegitimate son of Robert II. of Scotland.

For World Mastery.

The German emperor says he early vowed "never to strike for world mastery." It is just as well for his peace of mind that he did so, because he would never have got it, anyway.—Toronto Globe.

Graves in the Isthmus.

More men have died and are buried on the Isthmus of Panama along the line of the proposed canal than on any equal amount of territory in the world.

Prodigal Monarch.

The sultan of Morocco is one of the most extravagant of monarchs. He spends all the money he can lay his hands on.

Christian Charity.

Strangely enough, the home for aged athletes, just opened in New York, is endowed by Christian believers only.

Earth's Bread Eaters.

Bread is an article of daily food is only used by about one-third of the earth's population.



MAJOR LAWRENCE M. ENNIS.

One of the Most Successful Lawyers in Chicago, Eloquent Orator and a True Friend to worthy Afro-Americans.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GREAT TEAMSTERS STRIKE.

To The Editor:—

A great deal of indignation has been let loose in the past few weeks on the part of the colored people because certain Negro strike-breakers have been beaten and ill-treated while performing the duties of their employment, and because prejudice against the Negro has been intensified somewhat by his taking the places of the striking teamsters.

This indignation is but just and proper. It voices our protest against the unfair and dirty prejudice that would make a "strike-breaker" doubly cursed because he is black. At the same time, it also shows our stand for law and order, and our demand that citizens be protected in their right to work, which is but a part of their liberty.

But this indignation would not amount to a puff of wind, were there not men of our race, fighting for these rights and against this prejudice. The day has not yet come when the world rights wrong when its attention is called to it. No one goes about seeking whom he may help. Every man and every race, and every country, must help itself, must protect its own honor and rights, must fight its own battles, must blaze its own way to the front.

There are colored men who object to the bringing of these rough, burly Negroes from the South, to bear the burden of this industrial strike. They say it means only harm to those of the race already in Chicago; that they will create a greater prejudice here, and, when the white people have settled their differences, the Negroes of Chicago will have to pay, in the years to come, an awful price for the coming of these disturbers from the South. These are indeed, timid souls, who would rather bear what fills them with grace, than struggle for greater truth. They look not beyond today, and care for nothing more than that their own skins should remain whole.

If men have to, and ought to, fight for what they believe to be right—and that is the only standard—what are they to do when they know they are right? Are they to yield and submit themselves to the tyranny and dictation of those whom they know to be in the wrong? If they do, do they not yield at the same time their manhood, and do they not submit to be branded with the mark of a coward? After such a course, can they expect that any other man or race or nation will respect their rights, or extend to them courteous consideration in their requests or demands? Never! The others will but add insult to insult, and vent their spleen upon this race who, they know, will kiss the hand that smites them. It has cost treasures in life and money to obtain, to establish, and to keep, almost any human or national right which can be mentioned. Just now the Negro has two things for which he must yet struggle and fight—his citizenship rights, which, indeed, includes the other his right to work. What if it does cost life or days of unrest? Should we not rather rejoice that since peace has refused her blessing, we have sought it in war? Is it not true that the courage, the manhood, the determination to do what they lawfully may do, shown by the Negro strike-breakers in Chicago, have raised the Negro in the estimation of the people? Do you not know that doors will open to him now, for this struggle, that otherwise would remain forever closed?

Then let us pay the price, content to know that we are battling for what becomes a man!—B.

PAY YOUR EDITOR IN ADVANCE.

An exchange speaks of a man who it is said always paid for his paper a year in advance. As a result he has never been sick in his life, never had corns on his toes nor toothache, his potatoes never rot, his babies never cry at night, his wife never scolds and he has succeeded in serving three years on the school board without being cused.—Exchange.

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Preaching to Individuals.

There is no need of preaching a gospel for the individual. The individual who has it in him to shape his own environment will do it. The masses of mankind are not strong enough to overcome their environment. An efficient gospel for them must take account of that environment.—N. Y. Times.

Most Dangerous Occupation.

Seafaring is the most perilous employment. The Labor Gazette points out that of 21,668 fatal accidents during the past five years, 3,768, the largest, was in the shipping industry. The next most dangerous trades are mining, quarrying and working on railways.

Theory About Fish.

An English writer, Mr. Hodgson, who is by no means convinced that salmon fast during their sojourn in fresh water, thinks they take the minnow for a wounded fish, and dash at it, owing to the impulse which makes most animals attack a cripple.

Some Improvement Expected.

Editor (to the artist)—I refused this drawing a year ago. Why do you bring it here again?
Artist—I thought you would have more experience by this time and know a good drawing when you see it.—Illustrated Bits.

Servants Come High.

It costs money to live in South Africa. A woman resident in Johannesburg pays \$50 a month for her cook and \$35 a month to a Hindoo servant. In India she would have had to pay only five dollars a month for the Hindoo's services.

Corsean Method of Reform.

An aged Korean councillor of state, who is a strong reformer, Ghoul-ik-yeo, has been sitting outside the palace gate for five days, and proposes to sit there until needed reforms are carried out.—Shanghai Herald.

Effect, Not Cause.

She—Some doctors claim that unhealthy results follow kissing.
He—They've got cause and effect twisted. Kissing is generally the result of a heart affection.—Stray Stories.

Greatest Giver.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the world's greatest woman philanthropist, who has given away nearly \$25,000,000, nearly all her possessions, on April 21 celebrated her ninety-second birthday.

Not a Lucky Night.

Mr. Lovett—Good evening, Tommy. Is your sister at home?
Her Brother—Yes, but so is pop, and he's got indigestion. You'd better skip.—Stray Stories.

Fortunate Inquiry.

Smith—Our new folding bed resembles a piano.
Jones—And does your snoring resemble sheet music?—Chicago News.

HAD TOO MANY LAWYERS.

Legal Fraternity Grew Too Numerous and King Henry VI. Thinned Their Number.

The dowager empress of China threatens another drastic reform. She insists that the lawyers of her land shall—study law, reports London Black and White.

We all know the boast of Peter the Great—that there was but one lawyer in the whole of Russia, and he was going to have that one executed.

There was once a somewhat similar feeling in England, though as the statute in which it was expressed has been repealed, only lawyers now know anything about it. Henry VI. found that he had too many legal gentlemen in his dominions, especially in Norfolk and Suffolk. He drew a harrowing picture of the conditions as they had been and then were.

Formerly, he declared, when there were but six or eight "attorneys" in these counties great tranquillity prevailed. But now the numbers had increased to fourscore, or more, "which come to every fair, market and other places where is any assembly of people, exhorting, procuring, moving and inciting the people to attempt untrue and foreign suits for small trespasses, little offenses and small sums of debt whereby proceed many suits more of evil will and malice than of truth of the thing, to the manifold vexations and no small damage of the inhabitants."

Therefore it was enacted that there should be henceforth only six common attorneys in Norfolk, and the like number in Suffolk, and two in the city of Norwich.

RIGHTS OF CHORUS GIRLS.

New York Manager Protects Them from Unwelcome Attention of Men.

The time is past when wealthy young men can sit in the front row of a first-class theater and ogle the young women in the chorus, says the New York Sun. Certain managers used never to make strenuous objections to this sort of fun, providing the young men didn't interfere with the enjoyment of the rest of the audience, but no manager will permit it now.

Five well-known young men about town tried it at a Broadway theater a few nights ago, and the management put up with their nonsense until the first part of the show was over. Then the five left their seats and started out for a drink. When they returned they were allowed to enter the theater, but two ushers barred the aisle leading to their seats. Near the ushers stood the manager of the house. Said he to the five young men:

"The ladies of the chorus have complained of your unwelcome attentions. You have seen half of this show and can get half the price of the face value of your seats at the box office if you desire. You can't return to your seats. If you try to, I'll have you all arrested."

The five young men consulted. Then they apologized for their conduct. The manager said he was sorry, but he couldn't let them return to their seats. They saw the rest of the show standing up in the back of the house.

MOTHS FOND OF PRUNES.

Possible Substitute for Camphor Balls to Protect Winter Clothing.

"I have made a discovery, or, at least, I think it is a discovery," said the housewife, according to the New York Sun. "Moths like prunes."
"I have mentioned that fact to many persons since I found it was true, and they have scoffed at me, all but my grocer. He tells me that he discovered some time ago that moths are very fond of prunes."
"I have noticed for some time an occasional moth flying around my kitchen, and I wondered where they came from. I remembered a few days ago that I had placed a package of prunes on an upper shelf in the kitchen closet, and I went looking for it."
"Now, this was a pound package of prunes, and the package was sealed. I noticed several little holes near the top of the package, and as I cut the top open what was my surprise to find it full of moths!"
"If moths like prunes so much, I rather think that some day prunes may take the place of camphor balls when it comes time to pack away the winter clothing."

Man's Nose Supported Him.

There was once a man who was deaf and dumb, and in consequence had difficulty in earning enough to support himself. As often occurs, those who are deprived of one sense have another in an unusual degree. This was the case with this man. He had a sense of smell so remarkable that he became an expert in detecting the presence of oil wells. His nose was purchased by a big company (naturally the man himself went along with his nose) and he managed to eke out an excellent living.—Washington Star.

Use for the Handle.

Enpeck—My wife told me to buy her a good broom.
Dealer—Well, here's one with a hickory handle—warranted not to break.
"Great Scott! Do you think my skull is made of cast iron?"—Kansas City Independent.

Close Resemblance.

Mrs. Fluffy—Every one says my daughter is a perfect image of me; have you ever noticed it?
Sultor for Daughter—Well, er, I've noticed that you are a perfect shadow of her; yes.—Detroit Free Press.

AN IRRIGATION EXHIBIT.

Oregon Exposition Will Show What Has Been Done to Reclaim Arid Lands.

Because of the large amount of land in the Pacific northwest which has been reclaimed by irrigation, and the larger amount which is at present worthless on account of the lack of water supply, the irrigation exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition will prove unusually interesting, says a recent account. The exhibit will be complete, well arranged and instructive, and will prove a marvel to eastern people, who know little of the wonderful results which an artificial water supply has accomplished in many western districts.

The exhibit will consist largely of working models of irrigation projects the largest being patterned after the \$3,000,000 plant now being built in southern Arizona. The models will show the manner of storing the water by reservoirs, the method of carrying it into the lowlands by means of canals and flumes, and its final distribution to the lands to be irrigated. There will also be models of dams and reservoirs, and an exhibit of instruments used in determining the amount of water which may be utilized from any given stream.

In addition to these displays, there will be a practical illustration of irrigation methods on the grounds back of the government building, on the peninsula in Guild's lake, where there will be a small farm with crops growing on land actually irrigated.

YANKEE INVENTIVENESS.

Massachusetts Man Knew How to Extinguish a Taper That Was Inextinguishable.

In a little Massachusetts town lives a man who for two causes enjoys deathless local fame, says Lippincott's Magazine. For one thing, he is the only native of the place who has been to Europe; and he, moreover, performed while there the ensuing feat, which the neighbors still recount with breathless admiration:

While in Rome the New Englander was shown a certain shrine before which burned a solitary taper.
"That taper," explained the guide in machine-built English—"that taper he has burned before this shrine 700 years. He is a miraculous taper. Never has he been extinguished. For seven long centuries that taper has miraculously burn before one shrine, and not once has been—that you call—put out."

The Yankee viewed the miracle candle in silence for a full minute. Then, leaning slowly forward, he extinguished the flame with a mighty "puff."
Turning with a triumphant chuckle to the scandalized and speechless guide, he announced, calmly:
"Wa'al, it's aout now!"

JAPAN IS FICTIONLESS.

Works on Science Most Often Called For in Libraries, with Literature Next.

The literary taste of the Japanese is significantly shown in the report of the librarian of the imperial library at Tokio. For fiction there is no demand, a curious contrast to the experience of most American and English libraries.

While 12,486 works relating to theology and religion, or only 1.6 per cent. of the total number of books in the library, were asked for, according to the records of the past year, there were demanded by readers 166,677 volumes, of 21.6 per cent., classified under the head of mathematics, science and medicine.

Works on literature and language to the number of 153,711—that is, 20 per cent., were asked for, while 18 per cent. of the applications were for books on history and geography.

Works on art, industries, engineering, military and naval science, figure prominently on the list of additions made in recent years to the shelves of the imperial library.

Gardening as a "Cure."

Few of us know that a far better cure for all our health troubles than any of the patent medicines which are so constantly recommended lies at our doors in more senses than one—i. e., the garden cure. This idea is at last breaking through the crust of centuries and emerging to the light; so that garden cities, lady gardeners, horticulture and agriculture and various other signs of coming sanity, amateur gardening being one of the most conspicuous, are all on the increase. All we have to do is to open our doors and live in our gardens.—Amateur Gardening.

Golf for Youths.

Sir Hallowell Rogers, a practical golfer, presiding at the annual meeting of the Warwickshire County Lawn Tennis association, said it was a great mistake for young men who had just left school to begin to play golf. They should first take up a game involving greater and more invigorating exercise than golf could provide. Golf was more a game for old and middle-aged men than for young men, who should first try their hand at tennis.—London Daily News.

Wanderers of the Night.

The night's tale of vagrancy is an appalling one. In the aggregate the vagrants are a serious source of disease and danger to the public. Even an industriously disposed and honest man may be so broken down by adverse circumstances as to lose heart and strength and to let himself go downhill with despairing indifference.—London Hospital.

TEMPER BEAUTY'S ENEMY.

A Calm and Placid Manner and Way of Looking at Life Conducive to Growth of Physical Charm.

Temper has much to do with the destruction of a fine and delicately tinted skin. You are familiar with the woman who becomes pale with anger or purple with rage, yellow with disappointment or green with envy.

The pallor, the purple patches, and the jaundice are apt to become fixed—and a woman whose complexion consists of a scheme of color in which these tints predominate, distinctly bears the color imprint of the era, the yellow leaf.

A bad complexion is sometimes the outward and visible sign of a bad temper, hence serenity is to be cultivated as an aid to natural beauty, says a writer in the American Queen. Worrying about household matters and servants is to be avoided at all cost as tending to accelerate the fading of June's roses from the cheeks of the not too youthful, and the temptation of the active minded, always to be doing something, must be strenuously resisted.

Unless you have plenty of rest and relaxation, both of mind and muscle, your mirror will soon begin to cast reflections on your face and tiny little wrinkles will appear one by one, as the stars come out on a summer's night. But "when soft slumber allures thee," be careful not to sleep with the hand under the cheek, as this certainly tends to numb and wrinkle the skin. Another point to attend to is not to allow the jaw to drop when you fall asleep; this is apt to foster the appearance of lines on either side of the mouth.

Undoubtedly bad temper is not the only enemy of beauty, but also the first cause of many nervous disorders, and many of the ills that follow a bad digestion.

Who has ever seen a really happy woman with an unwholesome looking skin? Worry, continuous fretting, envy and maliciousness not only wear the face with ugly lines, but destroy the foundations of the entire constitution.

Therefore beware, and use the only solvent remedy. Cultivate calmness, courage, cheerfulness, amiability and affection, and as the sun drives the fogs of night before it, so the ugliness will give place, if not to beauty, then to charm.

RETAIN YOUTHFULNESS.

Many Women Let Themselves Grow Old and Faded Through Neglect of a Little Precaution.

The old woman who wants to be young must learn all over again how to walk. And before she does this she must learn how to stand. Stand well and you will walk well is a pretty good rule, declares Mme. D'Arcy.

To stand well your feet must be comfortable. And this is a good thought for the elderly woman. Make your feet comfortable. Few old women are able to stand well because they have aches and pains which make their feet feel ill at ease.

Feet can be kept more comfortable by rubbing them with vaseline every night. They can be kept comfortable by changing the shoes every day. Never wear the same pair of shoes all day long. And there is another shoe rule—namely, that shoes should be frequently eased. Take your shoes and wet them soaking wet. Take a walk in them and let them dry on the feet. This will mold them to the form of the foot.

And another thing. If the shoes feel hard and stiff rub them with oil. Grease your shoes frequently if you want to have them comfortable. You must keep the leather soft and pliable.

Stockings should fit the feet. There are too many pairs of ill-fitting stockings. And when the matter of shoes and stockings has been arranged there should come the question of heels.

As soon as a woman feels old and tired she begins to wear low heels. She takes the "lifts" off her heels and she lets her step become laggy. Have your heels of good height. Preserve the arch of the foot. Don't let your feet grow flat. Try always to have trim, neat-looking shoes. These are excellent foot rules for any woman.

Now, about the walk. There is an English instructor who gives these rules for "walking young":
"To walk young, walk erect. Bring the abdomen in. Throw the chest out. Take long steps. Place the feet at right angles or as nearly so as you can. Lift the chin. Throw back the head. Raise the eyes. Breathe deeply. And don't mince."

How to Treat Gloves.

This is the proper way to treat a glove: When you spy a tiny hole mend it without delay, that it may not increase in size. Mend it on the inside of the glove with fine cotton of the same color as the kid. Do not use silk, for it soon wears out.

Never break off your cotton, but cut it, so as not to draw your stitches too tightly and make the seam hard and unseam. When sewing a split in a finger seam insert a finger into the glove and draw the edges together so that they meet and that is all; a ridge would not only be uncomfortable, but would look unsightly.

When a glove is too small and slits it is worse than useless to sew up the rent; it must be patched. The patch must be of kid of the same color.

To Help the Eyebrows.

Paint your eyebrows every night with a camel's hair brush dipped in sweet oil. Warm the oil, but do not heat it. If you prefer, use vaseline slightly warmed. Do not use vaseline, but just enough to lubricate the eyebrows.